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# MCPON Pays Visit to 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet Region

By JO1(SW) Dennis Herring

Editor

The Navy's senior enlisted Sailor visited the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet region Dec. 9 and 10 to bring a message of thanks from the people of America and talk to Sailors and Marines about what's going on in the Navy today.

On early Tuesday morning, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/AW) Terry Scott flew to Baghdad to meet special warfare and support teams deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Scott's first stop was with Helicopter Combat Support Special Squadron Five (HCS) 5 located at Baghdad International Airport. HCS 5 is comprised solely of Reservists and is one of two squadrons dedicated to special warfare support and combat search and rescue.

On his next stop, Scott visited Navy and Army explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) technicians and was able to participate in a ceremony marking an important part of a Sailor's career. MCPON attended a promotion ceremony for two Sailors, where he pinned their new ranks on their uniforms.



U.S. Navy photo by JO1(SW) Dennis J Herring  
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/AW) Terry Scott speaks with Sailors and Marines stationed aboard NSA Bahrain Dec. 10. MCPON Scott was in the region to speak with servicemembers and let them know America was behind them in their war on terror.

During the afternoon, Scott visited special warfare units based at Camp Jenny Pozzi. Sailors deployed there dem-

onstrated various combat skills along with ordnance disposal.

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## Japanese Flotilla Commander Visits ESG 1

By ESG1 Public Affairs

ABOARD USS PELELIU – Expeditionary Strike Group 1 (ESG 1) played host to Rear Adm. Yukinori Togo, Commander, Escort Flotilla 4, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force in the North Arabian Sea Dec. 5. The visit marked the first interaction between the two groups since ESG 1 arrived in the Commander, U.S. Fifth Fleet Area of Responsibility in October.

Rear Adm. Togo has served as commander to the flotilla since March, and since arriving in the region his group has worked alongside U.S. and other coalition forces, including the French, in support of Task Force Operations in the Arabian Sea and the Horn of Africa.

Togo and five of his staff, including two Petty Officers, received a tour of Peleliu, and enjoyed lunch with members of the staff. Peleliu's communications department engaged with Togo's enlisted staff, and showcased some of the ship's coalition communications capability.

Rear Adm. Bob Conway, Jr., Commander, ESG 1, briefed Togo on the ESG's background and capabilities in its Joint Operations Center.

"ESG 1 is built for the global war on terrorism, which means that we will continue to work closely with multiple nations in the coalition effort. Visits like this one are good opportunities for us to demonstrate our capabilities and our relevance to the war on terror, should we

be called upon to support or control joint and combined operations," Conway said.

Rear Adm. Togo's visit came during a day of operations at sea between U.S. and Japanese forces. JDS Tokiwa provided vital aviation fuel to U.S. ships, including USS Peleliu (LHA 5), USS Port Royal (CG 73) and USS Germantown (LSD 42). JDS Hiei and JDS Akebono accompanied Tokiwa.

During the at-sea replenishment, the six U.S. and Japanese warships participated in a group photo under the tactical control of JDS Tokiwa, Rear Adm. Togo's flagship. U.S. and Japanese photographers executed the event, in an exchange that benefited both groups.

*MCPON - from front page*

Wednesday, Scott spent the day visiting Sailors and Marines at Naval Support Activity, Bahrain. As a former Force Master Chief for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet, Scott mentioned he recognized some familiar faces in the audience.

Scott covered many hot topics leading off with the Thrift Saving Plan (TSP). He also told the capacity audience of changes on the horizon including an average of 4.15 percent pay increase. In an effort to "close the pay gap" with civilian counterparts, the Navy is targeting E-5 to E-9 Sailors.

Another pay related concern Scott spoke on was Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). He noted a Sailor could expect to pay 15 percent of their rent out-of-pocket several years ago, but with recent changes it will drop to 3.5 percent next year, and by January 2005, a Sailor should have no out-of-pocket expense.

MCPON turned the microphone over to Sailors and Marines to ask questions. One shipboard Sailor asked about the re-



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 (SW) Dennis J. Herring  
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/AW) Terry Scott pins a second class crow on HT2 (DV) Jeremy A. Turner of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 2 during his frocking ceremony. MCPON Scott was in the region to talk with servicemembers and let them know America was behind them.



Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and Commander, U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet, is Vice Adm. David C. Nichols, Jr.

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sults and impact of Task Force Uniform.

"Do we really need six uniforms?" Scott asked the audience. He expects changes to the uniform regulation explaining that certain aspects of Navy uniforms are no longer relevant.

During each of his visits, Scott not only answered questions but brought with him the American people's thanks to the Sailors and Marines stationed overseas. He said

he is often stopped while in uniform by people thanking him for his service, but he replies that he will pass on the thanks the service members doing the nation's business.

"You are the ones that really deserve it," Scott told each group of Sailors, Marines and Soldiers he met. "Without you here, we couldn't have done what we have done." 🇺🇸



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 (SW) Dennis J. Herring  
MCPON Scott adds his name to Helicopter Combat Support Special Squadron Five's sign board located in front of their hangar at Baghdad International Airport. HCS 5 is one of two helicopter squadrons dedicated to special warfare support and combat search and rescue.



# Coast Guard LEDET Trains Coalition VBSS



USCG photo by PA2 Matthew Belson  
U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 405 members, BM2 William Dennis (L) and BM3 Clevon Brown demonstrate restraining techniques on Navy Lt.j.g Jonathan Seavey while conducting a joint training exercise aboard U.S.S. Philippine Sea (CG 58).

**By PA2 Matthew Belson, USCG**  
*Coast Guard Forces Southwest Asia*  
*Public Affairs*

Members of the crew of U.S.S. *Philippine Sea* (CG-58) and from the Bahrain Navy's *R.B.N.S. Sabha* received an intense day of training in vessel boarding tactics Dec. 7, from Miami based Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 405 as part of the coalition training exercise Neon Falcon.

For this day of training, the Coast Guard instructors used the deck of *Philippine Sea* as an open-air classroom for the U.S. and Bahraini Navy personnel to practice such skills as applying pressure points, using pepper spray and wielding a collapsible

baton to subdue hostile individuals who may be encountered while conducting boardings in the Northern Arabian Gulf (NAG).

While LEDET 405 arrived in Bahrain only two weeks ago, several members are returning for a second and even third tour in the region. The team need not fear for lack of work. This year alone coalition forces have conducted close to 3,000 boardings in the Arabian Gulf.

Coast Guard LEDETs are recognized for their expertise conducting boardings and ship-board investigations—skills constantly used during counter-drug missions in the Caribbean. Currently two LEDETs are working in the Navy's Fifth Fleet area of operations and are typically deployed on Navy coastal patrol crafts tasked with supporting Maritime Interception Opera-

tions.

"I've got more sea time on frigates than I do on Coast Guard cutters," said Machinist's Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Matthew Jones, 22, from Marco Island, Fla.

When they are not underway, the LEDETs are responsible for training coalition forces in Coast Guard boarding techniques.

"We are always training different navies and the experience gives everyone on the team a broader perspective on how to do things," said Boatswain's Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Christopher Jones, 24, from Friendship, Maine. When asked if the LEDETs operate differently in the Arabian Gulf, Jones replied, "It's the same here as it is in the Caribbean because you don't know who may be be-

hind that bulkhead, or who has a gun."

Whether looking for terrorists, oil smugglers, illegal arms or conducting health and comfort boardings, the LEDET instructors emphasized the need for teamwork and good communication.

"If you have a plan or tactic about how to conduct a boarding, things will go smoother," said BM3 Clevon Brown, 27, from Sommerville, SC. "The training we bring is based on experience. This is our job—boarding boats."

While *Philippine Sea* Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) team members have

plenty of experience, many found the day's training to be a good refresher for skills and even learned some new ones.

"This is the first time I have worked with the Coast Guard and some of the stuff we have never seen before such as using the pressure points and punches and kicks," said *Philippine Sea* VBSS Officer Lt.j.g. Jonathan Seavey, 26, from Manchester, NH. "Most of the boardings we have done here have been passive, but it is a necessary evil to train for the worst environment," he added.

For the members from *Sabha*, the training proved invaluable.

"We are the only boarding team in the Bahrain Navy and for some of these guys this is the first time they have learned these techniques," said Lt.j.g. Bassam Alzayani, 29, who was pleased to learn that his team would continue to train with the Coast Guard and Navy.

"We hope to have the same skills as the Coast Guard," he added.

Yet, even as the day of joint training lent itself to camaraderie between the respective sea going services, the purpose for the instruction was underscored.

As LEDET 405 member BM3 Jorge Verdecia, 33, from Miami explained, "Unfortunately, the training we go through and teach are lessons that have been learned in blood, and we are passing them on so that no more is spilled." 🐼

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*BM3 Jorge Verdecia*  
*LEDET 405*

# NSA Thanks TCN Workers at Luncheon

By JO2 Timothy Walsh

Naval Support Activity, Bahrain

Public Affairs

Naval Support Activity (NSA), Bahrain and tenant commands hosted a Third Country National (TCN) Appreciation Day Luncheon at the Oasis Restaurant Dec. 4. The purpose of the day was to acknowledge the contributions made by the TCNs known for their tireless work.

"I'm glad we can take the time to say thanks to some of the hardest working people here," said NSA Bahrain Commanding Officer Capt. Jay Smith, noting that much of what they do is taken for granted.

At the luncheon, military members from commands in Bahrain served food from a buffet line to hundreds of TCNs. The menu included food from neighboring Gulf Region countries, such as Taboule, Hummus, Beef Curry, and other traditional dishes.

The Chief Petty Officer Association coordinated the door prizes, which included contributions from Destroyer Squadron 50; Morale Welfare and Recreation; Navy Telecommunications System, Bahrain; and the Caribbean Cultural Heritage Association. Prizes included cologne, a men's wristwatch, more than \$60 worth of phone cards, 10 bowling tickets, and



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Timothy Walsh

NSA Bahrain's Executive Officer Capt. (sel.) Paul Kennedy (left), and NSA's Commanding Officer Capt. Jay Smith serve food during the Third Country National Appreciation Day Luncheon.

more than \$300 in cash.

Two TCNs attending the luncheon work at Smash Hit Sandwich Shop. Habib Mohamed Hossion Miah, of Bangladesh, and Mohammed Ifrar Abul Azeez, of Sri Lanka, both work seven

days a week and have lived in Bahrain for five years without visiting their home countries.

For Miah, this was a special day. "I enjoyed the celebration," he said. Azeez added "The day made me feel very much appreciated."



## Command Religious Program Naval Support Activity Bahrain

### Weekly Schedule of Events



Monday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1700 - Gospel Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility
Tuesday	1130 - Praise Ministry - Chapel Training Facility 1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1830 - Gospel Bible Study, Chaplain Parker's flat
Wednesday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 1630 - Catholic Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1730 - Protestant Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1830 - Gospel Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1830-2000 - Alien Youth Group Bible Study (grades 9-12), Bahrain School Room NTC 2000 - Gospel Praise Dancer's rehearsal, POC Elder Sorrells
Thursday	1130 - Praise Ministry- Chapel Training Facility 1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1630-1700 - Confessions, Chapel/Training Facility 1730 - Catholic Vigil Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 1830 - Gospel Intercessory Prayer Ministry, POC Miller 1830 - Children's Choir Practice - Chapel/Training Facility. POC Sister Diane
Friday	0815 - Catholic CCD classes. POC Monika Thompson 0930 - Catholic Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 0930 - Protestant Adult Friday School II in the CPO Lounge at the Dome 1100 - Protestant Worship Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1130 - Gospel Friday School Class, Navy College Classroom #2 1300 - Gospel Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1330 - Gospel Children's Church ages 5-10 in the CDC, POC Mrs. Fulson 1830 - Catholic Bible Study- Fr. Borger's flat
Saturday	0730 - Protestant Single and Geo-Bachelor Men's Study in the Dome Conference room 1545 - Protestant Campaigner's Youth Bible Study, Bahrain School Rm 53 POC Ketan
Sunday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1800 - Protestant Evening Worship Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1900 - Gospel Praise Dancer's rehearsal, POC Elder Sorrells

#### Laypeople:

Muslim-CTICM Young  
Latter Day Saints- Cmdr. Hansen  
Jewish- Lt. j.g. Frey  
United Pentacostal- CW3 Moody

#### NSA Chaplain Staff:

Cmdr. Marshall, Command Chaplain  
Lt. Borger, Catholic Chaplain  
Lt. Johnson, Catholic Chaplain  
RP2 Harris  
RP3 McCalister  
**NAVCENT Chaplain Staff:**  
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RPC Ponce  
RP2 Mosqueda

Questions regarding Command Religious Programs, please contact NSA Bahrain Chaplain's office at 439-4235/4303 or 724-235/303, Sunday - Thursday.

Event participation contingent upon Force Protection Conditions



# A Message from the CNO: National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month

December is national drunk and drugged driving (3D) prevention month. It is a terrific opportunity to re-examine the importance of responsible behavior behind the wheel and the need to look after our shipmates, particularly as we prepare for the holiday season.

About a third of all highway deaths involve drunken driving. Alcohol and drugs impair one's judgment, slow down reaction time and destroy lives on the road



and off. Do not let you or your people become statistics. Get involved, demand compliance and raise awareness of the dangers. We owe it to our Sailors and their families.

A good way to raise awareness is to highlight the Navy's "Right Spirit" alcohol prevention and deglamorization campaign. Launched by the Secretary of the Navy to reduce alcohol abuse and related incidents, "Right Spirit" has helped demonstrate both the health risks

and the legal ramifications of excessive alcohol consumption. It is an essential element of our efforts to ensure readiness and an integral part of covenant leadership.

For more information on the "Right Spirit" campaign, 3D prevention month and best practices working in the fleet, log onto the COMNAVPERSCOM (PERS-6) web site at [navdweb.spawar.navy.mil](http://navdweb.spawar.navy.mil).



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**NOW  
SHOWING**

## NSA Paradise Theater

### THURSDAY

- 11** 1530 Sleeping Beauty (G)  
1730 S.W.A.T. (PG 13)  
1930 Seabiscuit (PG 13)

### FRIDAY

- 12** 1530 Anastasia (G)  
1730 The Mighty Ducks (PG)  
1930 Pirates of the Caribbean (PG 13)

### SATURDAY

- 13** 1530 Land Before Time (G)  
1730 How to Deal (PG 13)  
1930 S.W.A.T. (PG 13)

### SUNDAY

- 14** 1730 American Wedding (R)  
1930 Bad Boys 2 (R)

### MONDAY

- 15** 1730 Uptown Girls (PG13)  
1930 Open Range (R)

### TUESDAY

- 16** 1730 S.W.A.T. (PG 13)  
1930 How to Deal (PG 13)

### WEDNESDAY

- 17** 1530 Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (PG)  
1730 Liar Liar (PG 13)  
1930 Pirates of the Caribbean (PG 13)

**OPEN RANGE (R)** Robert Duvall & Kevin Costner: Three cowboys, who free-graze their cattle across the vast prairies of the West, share a friendship forged by a steadfast code of honor unencumbered by civilization. When their herd wanders too close to the territory controlled by a corrupt sheriff and a kingpin rancher who wants to end the cowboys "Open Range" way of life. 139 min

**ANASTASIA (G)** Meg Ryan & John Cusack: Story of a poor orphaned girl in Russia, who dreams of being famous, but first needs to discover her identity. When two opportunistic con artists come up with a plan to pass her off as the daughter of the last Czar, she must make a choice between the truth or a new life. 95min

**SPY KIDS 3-D: GAME OVER (PG)** Antonio Banderas & Alexia Vega: Carmen's caught in a virtual reality game designed by the kid's new nemesis, "The Toymaker" and it's up to Juni to save his sister and possibly...the world. 85 min

**S.W.A.T. (PG 13)** Samuel L. Jackson & Colin Ferrell: A young special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team member, demoted after his hothead partner accidentally shoots a hostage, gets a second chance when a new "elite" team is put together that can bring some luster back to the force. But their first job is to transport a killer who promises 100 million dollars to anyone who can bust him out. 116min

**UPTOWN GIRLS (PG 13)** Brittany Murphy & Dakota Fanning: The freewheeling daughter of a rock legend is forced to face the realities of life after her accountant runs off with her fortune. After taking a job as a nanny for the daughter of a record company executive, just to pay

the rent, she finally discovers what it means to be an adult...by teaching a child how to be a child. 93min

**AMERICAN WEDDING (R)** Jason Biggs & Alyson Hannigan: With East Great Falls High School now just a memory the kids have grown into adults ready to wreck a new rite of passage...the marriage of Jim and Michelle. But with Stiffler in charge of the ultimate bachelor party and everyone else on edge, it will be a miracle if the wedding ever comes off. 102min

**BAD BOYS 2 (R)** Martin Lawrence & Will Smith: This time the BOYZ head up a task force investigating the flow of ecstasy into Miami. But their search leads them to a dangerous drug kingpin with friends in high places, whose plan to control the city's drug traffic has touched off a violent and bloody underground war. 146 min

**HOW TO DEAL (PG 13)** Mandy Moore & Allison Janney: A teenage girl, disillusioned with love after observing the dysfunctional relationships all around her, decides that finding true love is almost impossible...at least until a tragic accident causes her to realize that true love can occur even under unusual circumstances. 102 min

**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN (PG 13)** Johnny Depp & Geoffrey Rush: After the Governor's daughter is kidnapped by a cursed pirate Captain, one of her childhood friends agrees to team up with another rogue pirate, and search the seven seas to rescue her. But the pirates have another plan in mind for the girl...they need the necklace she wears and her blood to end a curse that's been placed on them. 143 min